BEATLES TV SPECTACULAR IN NEW YEAR

FOR the first time in two years The Beatles are to appear 'live' on stage. The venue they plan is London's 'in' rendezvous the Chalk Farm Roundhouse, and the date December 14 for a week.

The Reason? To prepare for a one hour TV spectacular which we'll probably see in the New Year.

The Group suddenly decided to hire the Roundhouse so they can rehearse during the day and invite audiences in during the evenings. They expect to start rehearsing on December 14 and do the finished show—with an audience and backing orchestra—later in the week.

The show looks like being an Apple exclusive with Mary Hopkin and Jackie Lomax also appearing.

Apple publicity man Derek Taylor told FAB: "Arranging this week is going to be like a military operation. We always plan things like this at the last minute, they usually work out OK.

"Just how we're going to get the audiences in, we haven't really thought about yet. We're hoping they will queue. As it's for a TV show we can't charge, but if we should get any money we'll give it to charity. We don't know whether the show is for ITA or BBC."

The Beatles are expected to base their act on their double album *The Beatles*—released November 22—and it's 30 tracks. They will have an orchestra which will be featured in the show.

The TV commercial for the album publicised last week has been cancelled because of the expense. The ad was expected to cost £16,000.